

Lay Evangelism Meeting Set

A statewide Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Conference will be held at the First Baptist Church in Jackson March 2-3, sponsored by the departments of Evangelism and Brotherhood of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The principal visiting speaker will be Sam Sorrell, outstanding layman of Houston, Texas, who will address the group Friday evening.

Evangelistic Bible study will be led by Dr. Jack Stanton, associate in the Division of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; and Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson.

The final message on Saturday morning will be brought by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention Board.

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SBCMatureEnoughToAvoid Catastrophe, Cooper Claims

DALLAS (BP) — The president of the Southern Baptist Convention said here he believes the convention has "reached the maturity to face our problems without having a minor catastrophe." This maturity, according to Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., will enable Southern Baptists "to devote our time to going out and making Christians."

Speaking to trustees of the SBC Annuity Board at their annual meeting, Cooper, a layman, said the denomination had spent "time and energy on matters that have little to do with the average layman and his life." President of two chemical companies, Cooper said Southern Baptists have failed to provide sufficient challenge for laymen who are saying, "We want to get involved meaningfully."

Noting the second most important story in Southern Baptist life in 1972 concerned lay involvement in denominational work, Cooper continued, "It's up to Southern Baptist leadership to provide challenges for these laymen." Cooper referred also to the three-week visit to India he and 16 other Southern Baptists had just made. He said they found India ripe for the Christian gospel. "Hundreds of people in India could become evangelists for us if they could just get a modest amount like \$25 a month," the SBC president declared.

"In 10 years' time, I think God is going to make it possible for us to have 1,000 of these evangelists," Cooper added. He said it may become impossible to send foreign missionaries and foreign capital to India for Christian evangelism. "A law is being considered," Cooper observed, "that would prohibit foreign money coming in to proselytize."

However, the people of India "are responding to the gospel" although the country of 550 million is 82 per cent Hindu, 10 per cent Moslem, and only two per cent Christian. The balance of the people are divided into even smaller religious groups. The touring Southern Baptists found India "in the throes of one of the worst drouths of the century," according to Cooper. He said there is a possibility that 500,000 may starve to death.

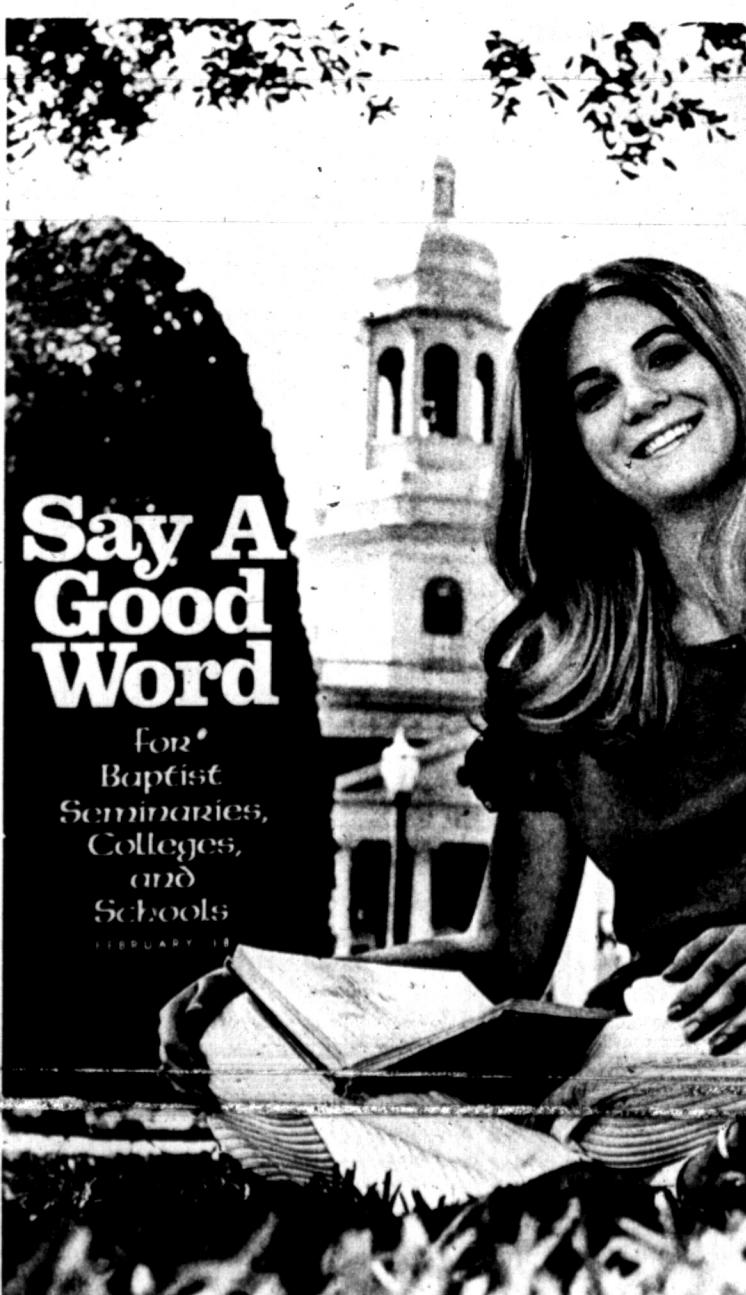
In some 300,000 villages in India, he said, the name of Christ has never been spoken. "There are as many non-Christians in India as in nearly all the other countries in which we (Southern Baptists) have mission work." Referring to the work of the Annuity Board which offers retirement and insurance plans for pastors and church and denominational workers, Cooper said the agency provides "the most cohesive influence in the Southern Baptist Convention."

Baptists Open 'Amazing Grace' Mission-- Pastor McAllister Converted In State

OTTAWA, Ill. (EP) — A Baptist mission has opened here named after the hymn, "Amazing Grace." It is called the Amazing Grace Tabernacle, in this city of about 18,000 people.

Pastor Don McAllister said that the congregation was singing "Amazing Grace" the night he accepted Christ in a church in Mississippi. It has remained his favorite hymn and motto since that time, he said.

The Ottawa mission is sponsored by Bethel Baptist Church at Princeton.



Feb. 18 Is Baptist School Day

Sunday, February 18, is "Baptist Seminary, College, and School Day." Southern Baptists operate 6 seminaries, 44 senior colleges, 10 junior colleges, 4 Bible schools, and 7 academies in 16 states.

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BSSB Trustees In Action

NASHVILLE (BP) — Trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board in their annual meeting here responded to two Southern Baptist Convention referrals, acted on several personnel and organizational matters, and authorized future construction at Nashville and at the conference center at Ridgecrest.

In two matters of reference from the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, the trustees reaffirmed present Sunday School Board policies.

A resolution urging all writers to use Scripture in all published materials pertaining to "salvation, the church, and the Christian life" was found to be based largely on materials the board had been asked to publish by the Convention, the trustees were told.

A study committee reported that Scripture references have been included without exception in all materials pertaining to the three designated topics.

The trustees pledged that the Sun-

day School Board "will continue to exalt the Bible as God's Book of Revelation," and will continue to seek by many different means "to get the Bible known, read, and heeded by all men."

A second referral called for the board "to study the possibility of making available to all Southern Baptist Convention mission churches up to 75 Sunday School and Training Union books quarterly without charge."

The trustees agreed that the present method of supplying one quarter's materials to new Sunday Schools, Training Unions, and choirs, is strongly preferred from the standpoint of polity, economics and incentive.

In other actions, the titles of executive secretary-treasurer and associate executive secretary-treasurer, referring to the operating head of the agency and his associate, were changed to president and executive vice president.

The title of the head of the elected

trustees was changed from president to chairman, and the designation of vice-chairman of trustees was added to the task of the chairman of the 18-member local executive committee which meets monthly.

Similar changes in titles had been taken within the past year by the SBC Annuity Board and Radio and Television Commission.

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A wonderful spirit, good attendance and an excellent program all characterized the annual Evangelism Conference held Feb. 5-7 at the Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo.

From the opening musical meditation Monday evening until the closing period of commitment late Wednesday morning the power and presence of the Holy Spirit was felt, Rev. Roy Collum, secretary of evangelism and conference director, declared.

Continuing, Mr. Collum said: "The annual Evangelism Conference has been known through the years as The Preacher's Revival. This one was no exception. It was inspirational — not through the use of gimmicks or high pressured promotion.

The greatest manifestations of the power of the Spirit were in the lives of the people who came. The pastors, their wives, staff members, and a number of laymen came with an awareness of a very real need for a blessing, and with a hunger for the food for the soul which can only come from the inspired ministry of the word. They attended every session. Only a very few took coffee.

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Retreat Held By BSU's At MSU-LSU

Several hundred students were present for a joint mid-winter retreat held by the BSU's of Mississippi State and Louisiana State universities at Camp Garawa Feb. 24. Several leaders are seen, from left: Jerry Merriman, BSU director at MSU; Miss Sheridan Kelley, BSU president at LSU; Dr. Chester Swor, Jackson, principal speaker; Pat Pressley, BSU president at MSU; and Frank Horton, student director at LSU, but formerly director at MSU. The theme was "The Imperative of Commitment."

Committee Named To Direct Gulfshore Capital Funds Drive

The committee of five authorized by the 1972 post-Convention session of the State Convention Board for the purpose of planning, directing and implementing the Capital Funds Campaign for Gulfshore Baptist Assembly has been announced by Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, president and Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Board, as follows:

M. F. Rayburn, Meridian; Glenn Perry, Philadelphia; Dr. Beverly Tinian, Meridian; Hayes Callicut, Jackson, and Rev. Bartis Harper, Morton.

Ex-officio members are Dr. David Grant, Jackson, Convention president; Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, chairman of Executive Committee of the Board; Dr. Hudgins and Dr. Hamblin.

David Fite Says

Returning POWs Need Understanding

By Robert O'Brien

FORT WORTH (BP) — When David Fite sits across the breakfast table from his 16-year-old son, Mark, he often thinks, "I wonder what you were like when you were a little boy?"

That silent question is part of the heartache of a former Southern Baptist missionary snatched from his family to spend four years in a Communist prison in Castro's Cuba.

And it's only part of the trauma and turmoil that Fite realizes will face men returning from dehumanizing years in North Vietnamese prisons.

All the POWs, he says, will struggle

to adjust — caught in a mind-dizzying culture shock, buffeted by internal forces which they may not know how to verbalize and which will mystify and perhaps even annoy family friends and employers.

Many, if they are as fortunate as Fite, will return to normalcy and ability to cope with life and assume useful roles. Others may not.

A large measure of their success,

Fite says, will depend on the love and patience of those closest to them.

During the four years, 1965-68,

I had some advantages. I was not a combatant, and I had lived in Cuba for quite a while, and understood the culture and language during most of my imprisonment, my father-in-law, Herbert Caudill, was there with me, along with imprisoned Cuban Christians.

"That fellowship, the abiding faith I had in Christ and brief monthly visits from my wife, Margaret, helped me bear up under the pressures.

But the physical and mental cruelty of his Communist captors, coupled with severe "brainwashing" techniques and daily management of his every move, took their toll on Fite.

"In a prison environment," he ex-

plains, "every decision is made for you — hour-by-hour, day-by-day. They tell you when to get up, when to eat, what to eat, whether or not to eat, what to wear, what to do, when to sleep.

"One of my major adjustments involved re-learning the process of decision-making.

"For a long time," he explains, "my life was complicated by the fact that I had to spend a lot of time making little decisions that most people make automatically."

Fite says he would stand in a supermarket, caught in the dizzying

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BSSB Trustees

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President Sullivan reported on behalf of the administration concerning sales and earnings during the fiscal year ending September 30, 1972.

Sales for the year totaled \$44,043,000, and an increase of \$2,261,000 over the previous year. Earnings for working capital, fixed assets, and reserves were \$2,407,000.

All other funds over and above operating cost were used in assistance to Southern Baptist churches through efforts such as field services and educational program development and promotion. A total of \$68,458 was provided to state conventions for their promotion in areas of Sunday School Board program responsibility, Sullivan said.

Twin Conferences

Set Feb. 26-27 On

Moral Problems

Twin conferences on Contemporary Moral Problems will be held in the state Feb. 26-27, sponsored by the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director.

The principal program personality and resource person will be Dr. Harry Hollis, Jr., director of Moral Concerns, Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

The first conference will be held at the First Baptist Church in Batesville Feb. 26 with the second to be conducted at the First Baptist Church in Long Beach Feb. 27.

Each meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Hollis will discuss "A Christian Critique of Pornography," "What To Do About Pornography — from Censorship to Education" and "The Obscenity of Violence."

Dr. Hensley will discuss "Some Other Current Moral Concerns in Mississippi."

"Opportunity will be given for questions and group discussion with practical suggestions for techniques in coping with these problems," Dr. Hensley added.

Pastors and other church leaders and members are urged to attend the conference most convenient, Dr. Hensley added.

SBC Cooperative Receipts Top \$3 Million First Time

(Continued from page 1) \$31.8 million, plus an additional \$1.2 million for capital needs. The total combined 1973-74 budget is just over \$33 million.

John H. Williams, assistant to the treasurer and director of financial planning for the Executive Committee, attributed the big 14.3 per cent increase for January to big increases in giving by about half - dozen states, including one state which sent in a Cooperative Program check that should have been received the previous month.

Williams said the really significant figure is the 7.42 per cent increase in Cooperative Program giving for the first four months of the fiscal year, since it is not inflated by any big checks which should have come in during other months.

In addition to almost \$3.2 million contributed through the Cooperative Program unified budget during January, Southern Baptists gave an additional \$5.18 million to specific des-

ignated mission causes during the month, making a grand total of \$38 million for the month of January.

Of the \$5 million in designated gifts, \$4.7 million went to foreign missions through the annual Little Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Just over \$6 million has been given to designated causes during the first four months of the fiscal year. January, obviously, was the biggest month of designated giving for the year, primarily because of the special mission offering. Designations for the year are up 4.69 per cent, or \$272,983 over designations for the same period last year.

For the four month period, grand-total mission gifts (both Cooperative Program and designated contributions combined) reached almost \$17.3 million, an increase of more than \$1 million or 6.44 per cent over combined gifts last year during the same period.



Campers Ready For New England Crusades

Several leaders in the campaign to enlist 100 Mississippi Baptist laymen for the Crusades to New England this summer are seen looking at a camper, similar to many that will be used by men and their families for the trip. J. C. Corman, president of the State Baptist Men's Conference, said some are considering a "caravan." Interested laymen to contact the Brotherhood Department of the Convention Board by March 1. From left: Early Durham, Mr. Gilbert, Andrew Mayfield and Granville Fulton, all of Jackson.

Southern Baptist Managua Aid To Provide Worship Facilities

RICHMOND (BP) — Although Managua's seven Baptist churches all suffered destruction or serious damage in the Dec. 23 earthquake, their congregations, alive and well, continue to meet under lean-tos and shade trees.

With the rainy season due to begin May 1, this solution will not be adequate for long, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials were told here.

Special contributions from Southern Baptists and monies appropriated by the Foreign Mission Board will make possible the construction of

wooden structures as temporary worship facilities for Nicaraguan Baptists.

Shelter is urgently needed, said Norman Godfrey, executive assistant for the SBC's Brotherhood Commission. Godfrey is one of the three men sent to Managua by the Foreign Mission Board to survey damage and consult with the city's pastors and church leaders to determine Baptists' most pressing needs.

The buildings are to be modified from a basic design to meet individual church's needs.

Some local labor will be recruited, possibly church members. Leslie G. Keyes, SBC missionary to Honduras who has had construction experience, will supervise the work.

As of Feb. 7, \$9,434 in funds designated for relief in Managua had been received by the Foreign Mission Board. Construction materials will cost \$10,500, according to W. Eugene Grubbs, the board's consultant on laymen overseas and one of the survey team.

Godfrey and Grubbs were accompanied by Adolfo Robledo of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, a former pastor of Managua's First Baptist Church.

Baptist work in Managua is affiliated with American Baptist Churches.



EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS UNDAUNTED—Their auditorium virtually destroyed, more than 250 members of First Baptist Church of Managua, Nicaragua still refused to let an earthquake interrupt their worship. Meeting on the lawn in front of Baptist Hospital, they

hear a message of hope from their former pastor, Adolfo Robledo, an editor at Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas. They plan to move to temporary quarters at a school until their church is rebuilt.—(Photo by Norman Godfrey, Brotherhood Commission, SBC)

Churches And Parents, Not Schools, Should Teach Prayer

ST LOUIS (BP) — Former U. S. Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark, who wrote the court's opinion banning compulsory prayer in public schools, said here that churches and parents are to blame, not the courts or schools, for lack of religious training for children.

Clark was major speaker at the 25th anniversary conference of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

"Why cannot the churches teach the young people not only to pray, but also what prayer is about?" Justice Clark asked the 2,000 persons attending the conference.

Prayer in schools usually consists of forcing young people to mumble in unison over a prayer at the beginning of the school day, Clark observed.

"A child who prepares and gives grace at the family dinner receives more benefit from those few words of his own than from all the prayers that others write and he chants in school," the former Supreme Court justice said.

Clark traced the history of conflict between religion and the constitution, and concluded that the Supreme Court decisions on prayer in schools "has proven to be constructive."

During the same session, Americans United honored Earl O. Harding, executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention, as "a champion of religious liberty" for many years. Harding was presented the organization's annual Religious Liberty Award.

Porter W. Routh of Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, and Hugh Wamble, professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, paid tribute to Harding. Wamble described Harding as "Missouri's leading defender of First Amendment principles," marshalling Missouri Baptists and others to persuade public officials against sacrificing First Amendment principles on political altars.

Glen L. Archer, executive director of Americans United, told the conference that proposed federal tax credits on tuition paid by parents of parochial school students would constitute "subsidies for churches" in violation of the constitution.

Such "tax credit schemes" are proposed as measures for "circumventing the constitution," Archer said.

Rep. James C. Corman (D., Calif.), a member of the House Ways and Means Committee before which tax credit measures are pending, told the group that a tax credit has the same financial impact on the treasury as a direct subsidy.

Corbin added that the tax credit plan would result in "a substantial re-

venue loss" and could "open the flood gates for a myriad of similar proposals."

Several other speakers during the two-day conference here attacked tax credit proposals, and pledged continued opposition to measures providing government funds for churches.

Leo J. Jordan, counsel for the National Association of the Laity, a Catholic organization, said Catholics have not had an opportunity to ex-

press themselves, but instead it is the bishops who push for tax credits.

"Catholics are no different from the majority of Americans," he said, "in relation to religious liberty." Only one in three Catholic students attends a parochial school, he added.

Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church of San Antonio and president of Americans United, closed the conference with an appeal for "reestablishment of an understanding of religious freedom."

Registration Cards, SBC, Portland

Registration cards for messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland now are available from the office of the executive secretary, according to announcement by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins this week.

Those planning to attend the convention should have themselves elected as messengers by their churches, and should have the registration card signed by the church clerk.

Write to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, and your cards will be sent to you.

Allison Inducted

As President,

Mid-America

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — "Ours is the task of witnessing in an educated society," Dr. B. Gray Allison, president of Mid - America Baptist Theological Seminary, told a special convocation here Feb. 6.

The convocation marked the formal induction of Dr. Allison as president of the new school, which majors on practical missions and evangelism.

Keynote speakers included Dr. Vander Warner of Richmond, Va., president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, congratulates Dr. B. Gray Allison following a convocation at which Allison was formally inducted as president of Mid - America Seminary.

Members of the Seminary's Board of Trustees, meeting prior to the convocation, adopted a challenging budget of \$200,000 for the upcoming year.

Begun last September, the Seminary now has 41 regular students and 24 enrolled in evening classes.

In his articulation of "Our Mission" Dr. Allison repeatedly referred to the Seminary's motto: "That in a little things HE might have the preeminence."

"There must be a return to Biblical supernaturalism," Dr. Allison declared. "There must be a renewed interest in and declaration of the gospel. There must be a changing of morals by the application of the Word."

He emphasized, "The Bible is, we believe, the verbally inspired Word of God, wholly without error as originally given of God. Through the centuries, as it has been proclaimed, men



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have been brought to God through Christ and made new creatures in Him."

"I find it difficult to understand how a person can claim allegiance to Christ Jesus and doubt His Word. Authority must be objective."

In summary, Dr. Allison said, "Our mission involves the commitment to a person, the commission to a people, and the compulsion of the purpose."

"Our day demands young men whose hearts are hot, whose commitment to our Lord is unquestioned, and who know how to share the Word in the world."

Preparing men for this mission is the task of Mid - America Seminary, he declared.

The Seminary is meeting in Olivet Baptist Church, pending construction of a permanent campus in Macon, Georgia. Plans call for the community being built near Lake Dickey.

Gill Resigns Fund Raising Post For Private Business

NASHVILLE (BP) — Ben Gill, director of endowment and capital giving service for the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission, has resigned to enter private business with Resource Services of Nashville, a private fund raising firm Gill has organized.

Gill has been instrumental in developing both a consultant-led, and a do-it-yourself fund raising service available to Southern Baptist churches and institutions through the SBC Stewardship Commission, according to James V. Lackey, executive director of the commission.

More than \$1 million has been raised for church and institutional capital needs projects through the service, which has held the position for nearly four years.



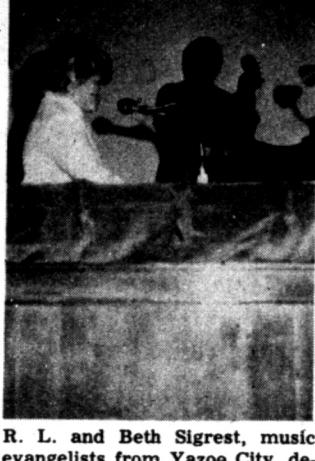
The Evangelism Conference, which met February 5-7 at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, is an annual event sponsored by the Evangelism Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The above photo shows a crowded auditorium at the Tuesday morning session.



"The Mountain Men," men's ensemble made up of ministerial students from Blue Mountain College, presented special music Tuesday, directed by Stanley Richison. Rev. Roy Collum, seated in foreground, is secretary of the Evangelism Department, MBCB.



Mrs. Clyde Bryan, seated at top level above, was organist for the conference. Mrs. John McNair, on the lower level, and Edwin Sudduth, not pictured, were pianists.



R. L. and Beth Sigrest, music evangelists from Yazoo City, delivered a special vocal message on Tuesday morning. They accompanied themselves, she on the piano and he on the bass violin.



This was the first time a film center had been included with exhibits for the Evangelism Conference. Left to right are Dr. Charles Clark, manager, Baptist Book Store; James Hayes, minister of music at First, Hattiesburg; and Dr. and Mrs. Allen Webb, pastor and wife from Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula.



A Baptist Book Store exhibit of books and other materials was displayed in the foyer of the education building at Harrisburg.



Two couples in attendance at the conference were Rev. and Mrs. Luther Litchfield of Columbus, left, and Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Sullivan of Summit, right.



H. G. Earwood of Columbus, center, buys a book from Miss Kathleen Wright, Baptist Book Store employee, left. At right is Dan Hall, director, Church Music Department, MBCB.

Good Spirit And Attendance Mark Evangelism Conference

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breaks while the program was in progress.

"The program personalities were at their very best. Their messages were Bible centered, sound, sane, solid and deep. Most important was the fact that they were inspired of the spirit."

"Once again, Dan Hall prepared and directed a splendid program of music. It was outstanding in every way. It was beautiful, varied, victorious, and stimulating. The musicians—singers and instrumentalists—demonstrated superb talent and determined dedication to the Word and work of the Lord."

"A very special word of appreciation is due Dr. Edwin McNeely. His great Christian spirit and unusual ability in leadership made the congregational singing a blessed experience and an invaluable contribution to the spirit of the sessions."

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer said that "The Lordship of Christ" described the Evangelism Conference emphasis last week in Tupelo.

"In Bible study, in congregational worship, in special music, and especially in the messages brought, that note was abundantly clear," he continued.

"Those of us who were there felt anew the possibilities of life transformations for all men if Christ really

becomes Master and Lord! The three days provided a deep spiritual challenge," he added.

Dr. Carl E. Bates, of Charlotte, N.C., who spoke four times at the conference, said that "If I had just one day to live I would begin in the communion with God."

Dr. Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C., and a native Mississippian, continuing, said:

"It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of a proper beginning. I would spend it in seeking forgiveness and in forgiving others. This is one of the most important attitudes that characterize true believers in Christ or any other time."

"I would spend it in attempting to speak a good word for my Lord. It is important to share Christ with those who have needs."

Dr. W. D. Lawes, of Atlanta, another featured speaker, told the conference that "when we do not take the time for Bible study, for meditation and for prayer, we are in mortal danger."

Dr. Lawes, associate in the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, continuing, said:

"In 1972, we experienced our very best year in evangelism. I recall the prophets of doom of three or four years ago, but where are they now?"

"Yet it is not a day to rejoice and stop in our tracks resting on our laurels. We must have renewed ef-

forts and renewed dedication to meet the growing and developing needs of people who have been brought into our churches upon profession of faith and those who yet are without Christ the Saviour."

"Prayer does not save anyone. Yet prayer makes more provisions for people to be saved than any one thing that I know."

"It is possible to be so busy with the mechanics of a church and denominational program that we find ourselves working for the Saviour rather than working with Jesus."

The conference was sponsored by the Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

All day sessions were held at the church auditorium, with the two evening sessions conducted in the Tupelo High Civic Center Auditorium.

Evangelistic Bible study leader for each session was Rev. Peter McLeod, pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

Dr. Edwin McNeely, of Newton, well-known Southern and Mississippi Baptist leader of music was song leader for the conference. Dr. McNeely was formerly professor of music in the School of Church Music at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Organist was Mrs. Clyde Bryan, Jackson; trumpet, David Larrimore, Tupelo; pianists, Edwin Sudduth, Indianapolis and Mrs. Kathy McNair, Jackson.

The final session at the church Wednesday morning included a closing message by Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, and an earlier message by Dr. Lawes.

Conference theme was "Sharing Christ Through the Word." Host pastor was Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, who is also president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

"Live '73," the program of evangelism sponsored by the Department of evangelism sponsored by the Department of Evangelism was emphasized throughout the meeting.

Lyndon B. Johnson was the first President to take his oath of office from a woman.

No Convention-Sponsored Charter Flight To Portland

There will be no Mississippi Baptist Convention sponsored charter flight to the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, according to announcement by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive-secretary-treasurer of the convention, last week.

"There was not enough interest to enable us to charter a flight," Dr. Hudgins said. "Less than half the required number sent in their names requesting space. Because of this we are canceling all plans for the proposed trip."

He added, "Since we are finding it necessary to cancel plans for the flight, all of those who sent in their names as being interested in joining the charter group, now will have to make their own reservations direct with the airlines, or with a travel agent. We will handle no reservations through the convention office."

COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN TO CONDUCT HEARING ON RESTRUCTURE OF SBC

NASHVILLE (BP)—A special Committee of Fifteen assigned to study the structure of the Southern Baptist Convention will hold an open hearing here Feb. 21 to provide a forum for any Southern Baptist to present ideas on the structure and organization of the convention, according to E. W. Price Jr., chairman of the committee.

The open forum will be held at 3:30 p.m., Feb. 21, at the Southern Baptist Convention Building here following adjournment of the SBC Executive Committee meeting.

The Committee of Fifteen was appointed by the Executive Committee in 1970 to study the structure of the SBC and recommend any changes in organization it felt were needed. Price, pastor of Green Street Baptist Church, High Point, N.C., is chairman.

We do not know that there will be any individuals who want to present anything, but we wanted to give an opportunity for any Southern Baptist to present a point of view before the subcommittee before our study is complete," Price said. He added that the committee has already heard from several individuals and from SBC agency heads.

Price urged anyone desiring to appear before the committee to get in touch with him, or simply to appear at the meeting on Feb. 21.

Colombian Convention Moves Toward Self-Support

Bogota, Colombia—Self-support and missions figured prominently in the agenda of Colombian Baptists during their 22nd annual meeting here.

Delegates to the Colombian Baptist Convention learned that monthly subsidies, presently available to churches through the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Colombia, will be discontinued after 1976.

Assistance with pastoral salaries, rents, building repairs, etc., has been administered by joint board of nationals and missionaries. Colombian Baptists, who have long strived for self-support, voted to take over such aid through the convention, possibly by January 1974.

The group's home mission board, organized last year, outlined plans to pioneer Baptist work in Monte Libano and Monteria, both in Colombia's northwest.

Colombia's 65 Baptist churches sent 335 messengers to the five-day meeting,

The Convention President Speaks

You read in a recent *Baptist Record* that I had been invited to the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington. This was one of the greatest experiences of my life and I want to share a few things about it with you.

The whole thing, the breakfast and other meetings held in connection with it, were on the highest spiritual plain imaginable. There were no cocktails, no animosity, no undercuts, no criticism, or these attitudes that are unChristian. Many leaders of our nation unabashedly confessed Jesus Christ as the hope of the world. They expounded the scriptures, both the Old Testament and the New Testament. They used the prophets of old as examples of obedience to God and confessed Jesus as the refiner of the prophets. They made passionate pleas for all of us to pray earnestly on behalf of our nation.

There were a few quotes I think you would be interested in knowing about. "God is matching the increasing iniquity with greater grace." Prayer works, prayer is work, prayer leads to work." "Be sure of your commitment, be sure of compassion, and be sure of communication."

This trip gave me new confidence in world affairs. I have a greater hope in the welfare of our nation. I have a new challenge to be a better citizen and to serve my land better. I trust you will join with me in praying more fervently for lost mankind who need the transformation that comes about when one is born again, and for the overall world situation.—David Grant.

Souenlovie To Celebrate Centennial

Souenlovie Church in Clarke County is one hundred years old, and will be celebrating their centennial on regular homecoming day, May 27, according to Jack Mercer, centennial chairman.

All former members and pastors are urged to attend, and all former pastors who can attend are asked to notify Jack Mercer, Route 2, Enterprise, Ms. 39330, as soon as possible.



Ralph and Cora Joyce Davis, missionaries to Africa for 23 years, now furloughing in Hattiesburg, will be awarded the "Outstanding Alumni of the Year" award at annual Homecoming festivities on February 17. Both are graduates of William Carey College. They pose above with Carey Alumni president, Rev. Nathan Barber (pastor of Calvary Church, Oakgrove) and their two children, Nan and David.

William Carey Alumni Award To Go To Missionary Couple

The William Carey College Alumni Association will honor two ~~foreign~~ missionaries at the "Outstanding Alumni of the Year" award. According to Carey Alumni president, Nathan Barber, this is the first time in history that the award is being made to a couple rather than to an individual. The Davises, both graduates of William Carey College, have served as Southern Baptist missionaries to Africa for the past twenty-three years.

The special award for the Davises will be presented at the 1 p.m. annual Homecoming Banquet in ~~the~~ Dining Hall on Saturday. Immediately following the banquet, Dr. and

Mrs. Ralph Noonester will honor the Davises at an after-dinner coffee reception in the President's Home adjacent to the campus. All alumni of the college are urged to be present for both events.

Both natives of Mississippi, the Davises attended New Orleans Seminary and were appointed missionaries to Nigeria in 1950. For eighteen years they served in Port Harcourt in the eastern region as principal and teacher in the Baptist high school.

In addition to their educational duties the Davises served as advisors to the Baptist ~~obueobe~~ in the Harcourt port area. "Each weekend we loaded our supplies and our two

children into a river boat and traveled to villages," commented Cora Joyce.

"These were wonderfully rewarding experiences as we worked along side our African pastors and their congregations."

For a year and a half, during the Biafran conflict, Ralph Davis was separated from his family while ministering to Baptist workers. Cora Joyce and the children were later reunited with him in the States. In 1969 the Davises were re-assigned to Ghana and have been serving in Tamale in the Baptist Pastor's School and as advisors to the twelve ~~churches~~ that make up the Tamale Baptist Association. Last year Ralph

served also as chairman of the Ghana Baptist Convention.

In 1971 the Davises' daughter, ~~left~~ left Africa to return to the States for college. She is enrolled as a junior at William Carey College in the baccalaureate degree program in nursing. David, their only son, is currently enrolled as a freshman at William Carey College. In August Ralph and Cora Joyce must return to Africa alone for the first time, leaving both children to continue their education.

While in Nigeria Ralph Davis had the distinction of being named chief of an African village near Eku. The ~~names~~ came to him as the result of one of the village's princes staying in the Baptist school.

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EDITORIAL

It Is A Time To Thank God!

This morning, I joined millions of other Americans in watching on television the first of the P.O.W.s (Prisoners of War) as they came out of the hospital plane at Clark Field in the Philippines. With multitudes of others I lifted my heart in gratitude to God, thanking Him that at long last this scene is possible. Every Christian in our nation, and elsewhere in the world should thank God that this tragic war is over.

While rejoicing that the conflict is over, we must not and cannot forget those men and women who have fought so valiantly in pursuing it, and those who gave their lives in this fight for freedom of men. We thank God that America has the freedom she has today

because of such sacrifices, and we can ask God to make us worthy of these, and those who have gone before, in the continuous struggle for freedom. We also can thank Him for the support and sacrifice that so many Americans have had to make to secure and keep these liberties.

We should thank God for the courage and perseverance of President Nixon, in never giving up until peace was achieved. He bore the most caustic criticism, and accepted widespread condemnation of his actions as he moved steadfastly toward his goal of peace for the nation and the world. We believe now that the pendulum will swing, that the wisdom of his actions will be understood, and that his popularity will rise

to higher peaks than ever before, while those critics who demanded abject surrender, and made unfounded charges, will face the contempt and pity of most Americans.

Millions of Christians have prayed for our President as he sought to end the Vietnam war in an honorable manner, and secure the release of our P.O.W.s, and now they can thank God, that, insofar as it was possible, he has done just that. All should join together in thanksgiving and praise to God, while at the same time praying for the President and other world leaders, as they continue to strive for peace in other nations and other areas.

It truly is a time to thank God, but also to continue to pray.

Evangelicals Are Not Anti-Semitic

A problem appears to be arising in the field of witness to Jews. The charge is being made that those who are trying to lead Jews to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour are anti-Semitic. This, of course, is not true. According to the World Book Dictionary, anti-Semitism is "dislike or hatred for Jews; prejudice against Jews or Jewish customs." This definition does not in any way fit those who are Christians, and who believe that all men, Jews and Gentiles alike, must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ if they are to be saved. Yet, according to news releases, Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has issued a warning that the evangelistic efforts of "fundamentalist" groups "could damage the carefully cultivated roots of Christian-Jewish relations in our society and destroy the fabric of pluralism and religious freedom." The Rabbi is reported to have singled out Key 73 and Campus Crusade for Christ "as particular efforts to watch in their attempts to convert Jews."

The Rabbi could just as well have added Baptists to this list of those he singled out, for Baptists always have been interested in "converting" Jewish people to faith in Jesus Christ. Baptists believe the New Testament when it says that there is "none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved," and they truthfully can say with Paul, "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." Baptists and other evangelicals believe that Jesus Christ is the Messiah concerning whom Jewish prophets throughout Old Testament history spoke, and that he is the Messiah who will make a glorious return to the earth some day. They believe that the Jews must accept him as Saviour and Lord if they are to be acceptable to God in their worship. There is salvation in none other, and in nothing else. Since Baptists, and all evangelicals believe this, they must, if they are true to their convictions, seek to win their friends, both Jews and non-Jews, to personal faith in Christ. They want them to experience the same joy of salvation and the same acceptance with God, that they themselves have found.

—Baptist News

Such an attitude is not anti-Semitism. Christians love their Jewish neighbors and would not raise one finger to hurt them, or to hinder their freedom to worship as they do. Theirs is not an attitude of hatred toward either the Jewish people, or their customs. It is a love for the Jew that causes the evangelical to seek opportunities to witness to him concerning Jesus Christ.

There are some instances in past centuries when some who were called "Christians" (surely they were not really Christians), persecuted and mistreated Jewish people. They are a far cry from the evangelical of today, who simply seeks to lead his Jewish friend to recognize his Messiah, who already has come into the world, and is coming again. These modern efforts at Jewish evangelism are as far from anti-Semitism as day is from night.

Portent Of Revival?

Circumstances prevented our attendance at the state Evangelistic Conference in Tupelo last week, but all reports are that it was a great meeting, with many spiritual blessings. Leaders from the Baptist building who attended spoke of the high spiritual tone of the meeting. One report told of outside leaders who spoke of the way that they were impressed with the spiritual condition they found in Mississippi, and of their feeling that Baptists of the state were ready for, and could see revival. This same thing was said by one of the Southern Baptist Convention's outstanding young evangelists, during a visit to the state a few months ago.

As Mississippians we should rejoice that our Lord must be hearing our prayers, and may be getting us ready for revival. This does not mean that we have done enough, or that revival is here. It does mean that we should pray as never before, and seek to lead ourselves and our churches to such spiritual condition that the Spirit can give the revival we, and the world, need.

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a man who believes in God and his revelation. One is encouraged today to see so many outstanding scientists who are willing to speak out as Christians and refute theories which contradict the Bible, but are commonly accepted by many people. One remembers that science changes year by year, but the revelation of the word of God does not change.

MORALITY, LAW AND GRACE by J. N. D. Anderson (Inter-Varsity Press, 128 pp., \$1.95) What is the answer to the problems of law and grace as they relate to freedom? How can one deal with conflicting demands? The author seeks to give the answers.

A SURPRISE FOR BELLEVUE by Jane Stuart Smith (Good News Publishers, 48 pp., paper \$1.25) A children's book dealing with flowers. Full color cartoons and pencil sketches tell the story of how God takes care of the flowers and surely will care for us.

PROFILE OF A CHRISTIAN by Dr. J. Allen Blair (Good News, 96 pp., paper, \$1.95) What are the characteristics which should be seen in a Christian? The author says that he believes and knows it, reads and applies the Bible, talks with God, worships God, desires God's will, walks by faith, and does many other things. They are discussed in pointed language in this attractive and readable book.

A COMMENTARY ON THE MINOR PROPHETS by Homer Hailey (Baker, 428 pp., \$6.95) The author is head of the Bible Department at Florida College, Temple Terrace, Fla. In this volume he discusses every one of the twelve minor prophets. Each chapter includes introductory material, an outline, and a section by section comment on the book. This is a scholarly volume but should be most helpful to those who are seriously seeking to find the meaning of the messages of these great Old Testament prophets.

NEWEST BOOKS

THE PROPHET EZEKIEL by Arno C. Gaebelein (Loizeaux Brothers, 346 pp., \$4.25) Reprint of a volume which first appeared nearly 65 years ago. Dr. Gaebelein was one of the great prophetic preachers and Bible students of his generation and had a perception of the total Bible message that many Bible students do not have. The publisher has done a great service in bringing this volume back into print.

LAYMEN LOOK AT PREACHING by Marvin J. Dirks (Christopher, 326 pp., \$6.50) Evidently this book was a doctrinal dissertation or at least came out of the work done in such a dissertation, for it is a careful study of the preaching of Helmut Thielke. The subject was a great German preacher, although he was not a pastor. Careful study was made of his preaching especially as it met the expectations of laymen. This is not a book for easy reading, but will be helpful to those who are making a serious study of what preaching should be. There are a number of interesting tables.

GOD IN THE DOCK by C. S. Lewis (Eardmans, 246 pp., \$6.95) Essays on theology and ethics by one of the great religious thinkers of this century. Here are articles for the most part never have been published before. This is a scholarly volume which will appeal to those who go deep in their theological thinking.

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD by Richard Bennett Sims (Exposition, 177 pp., \$7.50) A scholarly dissertation dealing with philosophies revealed in Paul's Epistle to the Romans. It is not a commentary, but study in depth of some of the principles of that book as they relate to God's righteousness.

ETHICS AND THE NEW MEDICINE by Harmon L. Smith (Abingdon, paper, 174 pp., \$2.95) Deals with problems of ethics in modern medical practices including abortion, artificial insemination, organ trans-

plantation, and care for the dying sets forth principles by which decisions can be made.

THE DISPUTATION (Scholarly Publications, Salford, Great Britain, 372 pp., 3 lbs. plus postage) An amazing volume of unbelief and rejection of the New Testament record concerning Christ as opposed by Jewish scholars of the 13th century, as well as modern scholars. In this book serious scholars see the reasons given for Jewish rejection of the New Testament and of Christ as their Messiah. Part of the material is taken from 13th century documents of Jewish defense of their rejection of Christ, and part of it is from modern scholars. This is a revealing book, and one which will be of value only to trained scholars who know how to deal with such issues. The book would be of little value to the average reader who does not know how to handle these statements or does not have the information to refute them.

THE PUBLIC SPEAKER'S HANDBOOK OF HUMOR by Helen & Larry Eisenberg (Baker, paper, 319 pp., \$2.95) Another volume in Baker's series called the Speaker's and Toastmaster's Library. Reading a book of this type will not make every individual an effective public speaker, but for one who has the knack of such speaking this volume provides a resource book filled with ideas and suggestions. There are jokes, brief statements, pointed quotations, etc., and the indexing is unusually good. This is a very usable volume.

EARTH'S MOST CHALLENGING MYSTERIES by Reginald Daly (Baker, 403 pp., paper \$3.95) A scientist who also is a Christian who deals with numerous questions and theories relative to creation, the origin of life, the ice age, and many other modern questions brought about by some of today's theories. This is a scholarly volume and provides a large amount of unusual information and a clear scholarly interpretation by



On The MORAL SCENE...

Washington (AP) — Sen. Gaylord Nelson, D-Wis., said recently the United States has "become a nation of irrational pill poppers" with the public as well as the drug companies to blame. Drug companies "deserve to be exposed and censured and the law needs to be tightened to control their advertising," Nelson said. But Americans seem to want a pill for every ache and pain, for nervous tension, for anxiety, for the ordinary stresses and strains of daily living, he said. "We have become massively addicted to taking drugs whether we need them or not. The result is that we have created a drug culture and many of the youth of America are simply doing what they learned from their parents," Nelson said. In 1969, Nelson said nearly \$1 billion was spent on cough and cold remedies, capsules, drops, and sprays that are mostly useless and sometimes dangerous. "Most of the drug companies' promotion and advertising of these products is simply a generous mixture of false claims and outright nonsense," Nelson said. (The Atlanta Journal and Constitution, 12-3-72)

Are the Chinese adamant teetotalers, or simply discreet about their happiness hours? The majority of Chinese do abstain, says George Chu, a behavioral science doctoral student at Berkeley's School of Public Health. Sobriety is traditionally sanctioned, and overt drunkenness or even moderate drinking is frowned upon. Chu interviewed 41 Chinese in San Francisco's Chinatown. He chose a group which would logically be prone to take a nip and a nap rather heavily; single males over 50 who lived alone, had little formal education and even less money. They were cut off from family and friends still in China, and were isolated from the larger Chinese community. The reasons to drink were there, but the inclination to drink wasn't. Chu discovered that 63 percent of his subjects abstained and that so-called 7 percent heavy drinkers only had one or two a day—hardly falling-on-the-floor drunkenness. This pattern of teetotaling is predominant among younger Chinese as well. Not only do the Chinese scorn drinking for themselves, but they look down on sodden friends as well. Sixty-seven percent disapproved drunkenness under any circumstances and 43 percent would lose respect for the drinker. Twenty-four percent claim that people should never drink while the majority believed that if one must drink, it should only be in moderation. The men surveyed, inherited attitudes were formed by Chinese cultural values. (Human Behavior, p. 50, November-December, 1972)

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The fellow who throws himself away probably won't like the place he lands.

Temper always improves with non-use.

Warm friends often freeze up at the mention of cold cash.

The driver who has "one for the road" will have State Troopers as a chaser.

Some people stretch the truth; others mutely lie.

Generally speaking, duty is what we expect of others.

Freedoms are always lost unless they are continually fought for.

Some people talk for hours without mentioning what they are talking about.

If we had our way, we would make health catching instead of disease.

or rehabilitation facilities should allow his conscience to prevent his doing his duty for the state. . . If you are inexperienced in playing lotteries or betting on horses, there could be a non - credit course for the uninformed.

"Increase your smoking in the next two years by at least 50 percent . . . Pay no attention to medical warnings against smoking, for remember that in New Hampshire it is public policy to encourage cigarette smoking as the most effective and least costly way to meet the burning problems of health, education, and welfare."

"Raise your consumption of alcohol purchased in state liquor stores to at least a half-gallon per week. It is important that every adult drink to his capacity if we are to have maximum support of our schools and hospitals. Remember the attractive slogan—'Smoke and drink your way to better education.' Do not be concerned about criticism for insobriety, since your state leaders apparently believe in drinking as the soundest way to attack the sobering financial problems of our time."

"Double your bets at the race track and buy twice as many sweepstakes tickets as you have in the past 12 months. No persons interested in education or in better health

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Returning Prisoners

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swirl of fast-paced American life and take 20 minutes to decide what shaving soap to buy.

Not only may returning veterans face a "decision crisis", but family and friends may expect them to reweave the threads of their lives too quickly, Fite says.

"I hope the rehabilitation program planned by the military may solve that," he says.

"In my case I found that a period of moratorium, in which I was not immediately thrust into major responsibility, helped me readjust."

During the moratorium, he spent time with his family and earned a doctorate in theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, before assuming his current full-time job as director of continuing education for ministry at the seminary.

Return from a long absence in prison puts a strain on children and husband-wife relationships as they readjust roles, Fite says.

A father, removed from his children's formative years, experiences a gap in his understanding of their development.

Mark was one month old when Fite went away and nearly four when he returned.

His other two boys, were six and eight when he left; and 10 and 12 when he returned four years ago.

But probably the most severe readjustment facing the Vietnam returnees, Fite believes, will involve overcoming the emotional scars of brainwashing.

"They try to destroy a person's sense of self-worth," Fite explains. "They underscore all the negative feelings one has...try to destroy your morale so you will become putty in their hands for propaganda purposes. Then they use you and throw you away like a piece of old tissue."

"They abuse you physically, make you fear for your life, treat you nicely one moment and badly the next, reward you for doing things that go against your sense of values, punish you for standing firm."

"Wives and families must understand these internal pressures and show patience and understanding and help reaffirm these men's sense of personal worth," Fite emphasizes.

Fite says a person without a sense of self-worth is an emotional cripple. "If you don't love yourself, you can't give love to others," he says.

"I hope each one who returns will have an understanding family and an understanding group of friends like I did — people who accepted me and loved me as I was."

"Families facing these strains," he said, "should not be ashamed to call on all available resources — personal resources and community resources such as counselors and pastors. That would not be a sign of weakness, but one of hope," he said.

"The return will be much worse for these men than it was for the Caudills and Fites," he said. "They probably will not get heroes welcome as we did. They will be misunderstood. People will expect too much."

"Documented experiences have shown that men with a sense of meaning in their lives hold up better under duress. To the Christian, that meaning is Christ, who gave me my sense of personal worth and the strength I needed."

Deadline Approaches For Reservations

On Bus To Ridgecrest

The deadline is approaching for making reservations on the special bus to Ridgecrest sponsored by the Church Training Department, according to Kermit S. King, department director. That deadline is March 15.

Detailed information along with reservation request forms are available from the Church Training Department office.

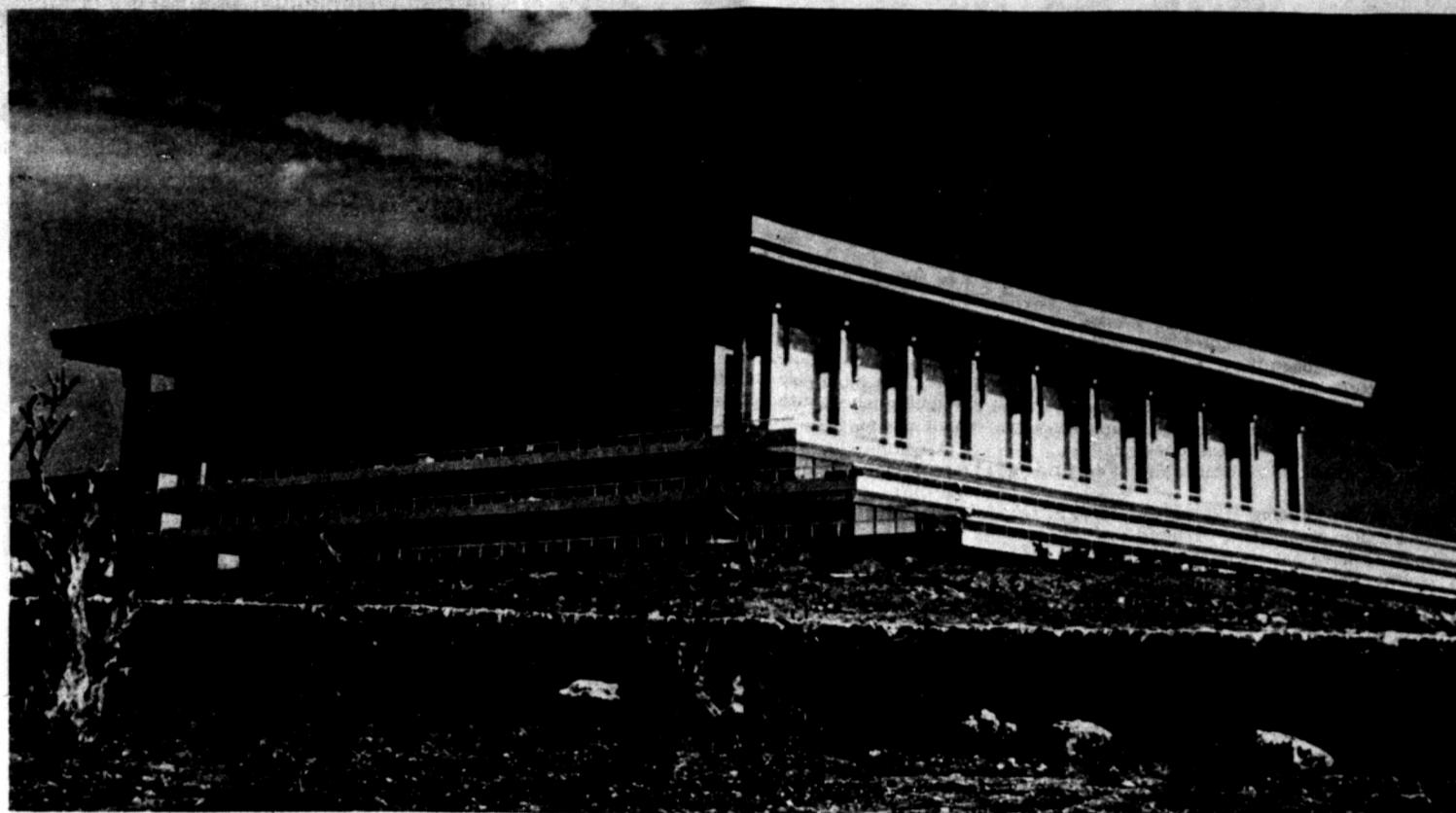
The special bus tour to Ridgecrest was planned for this year as an effort to provide training for Church Training leadership in churches and associations. A bonus plan is outlined in the information which has been distributed directly to churches and in "M" Night meetings last December.

2,476 Decisions In Hogue Crusade

"The greatest harvest of souls in the history of Southwest Louisiana" is how Dr. H. Van Eaton, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Lake Charles, described the January 21-28 Richard Hogue Crusade there.

It was also the first Christian event in the new Civic Center Coliseum. Total crusade attendance, in the predominantly Catholic community, totaled more than 40,000.

During the week, there were 1,695 professions of faith, 740 dedications, and 41 other decisions.



The Knesset in Jerusalem is the seat of government of the nation of Israel.

A Visit To Israel-II

A Look At A Growing Young Nation

An Editorial Report

The United States will celebrate its 200th anniversary in 1976. It came into being as a nation on July 4, 1776.

The nation of Israel is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1973. It came into being as a nation on May 14, 1948.

The United States has a land area of 3,615,122 square miles. Israel has an area (not counting the occupied territories whose future has not yet been settled) of 8,793 miles. It is about 1/400th the size of the United States, and just about 1/5 the size of Mississippi.

Populationwise the United States has well over 200,000,000 while Israel has slightly more than 3,000,000.

Despite the difference in its size either geographically, or numerically, the little nation of Israel has, in just one quarter of a century, taken its place among the nations of the world.

It has become a strong little nation, with commerce, industry, education, business, world trade, and every other factor needed to give it the right of recognition among the nations.

Already in its brief span of life it has to fight three wars for survival and has been victorious in each of them. While its very life thought seem to be "Shalom" (peace), it has had to fight, even for the right of existence.

Impressions

When one visits the little nation today, he is impressed with the aggressive, determined, friendly spirit of the people, and with the signs of progress and stability which are evident everywhere.

Burgeoning cities, vast agricultural developments, broad highways, highly productive factories, growing institutions, and other evidences of advance are found everywhere in the land, right in the midst of the well-preserved landmarks and shrines of the historic past.

History

The past and the present are closely related in this land, for even though Israel is only twenty-five years old, its roots are far deeper, and its foundations rest upon the history of the centuries.

The history of Israel, of course, actually reaches back into the centuries of Old Testament history, all the way back to Abraham. As a nation, of course, the history began with the occupation under Joshua, and continued through the Old Testament record. Despite the division and the scattering of the people, which already had come, Israel was alive as a nation, even in the days of our Lord, although it was under Roman rule. Soon after the days of Christ, however, came the terrible destruction by the Romans, and since that date Jewish occupation of the land has been negligible.

The dream persisted, however, that someday, Israel would live again and would be back in its own land. Many Bible scholars denied this, believing that the "scattering" was permanent and that Israel never again would either live in or occupy Palestine. Although the Turks had control, and the land was a land of Islam, even in the nineteenth century small groups of Jewish people began to return to the land of "their fathers", buying up and reclaiming areas which had been allowed to deteriorate through long centuries. Swamps began to be drained, rocky soil cleared, and precious waters saved and redirected, in order to bring life to barren places. The beginnings were small but significant.

Zionism

Then late in the last century, Jewish leaders began to dream of the nation that juts out toward the sea.

living once more, back in the lands of their fathers, and began to talk openly about plans for the return. Zionism was no longer just a religious belief, but became a political movement. In 1897 there was held in Basel, Switzerland, a Zionist Congress, which under the leadership of men like Theodore Herzl, formulated aims concerning the reestablishment of Israel. The congress passed a resolution calling for such an establishment, and Herzl is reported to have said that one day there would be "once again a living nation of Israel in the land". He said that it might be ten years, or it might be fifty, but that it was sure to come. How prophetic his words were can be seen from the fact that the nation came into being just 51 years later.

Zionist colonies of Jews, returning to establish life in the land, grew from 22 in 1900 to 47 in 1918, even though it still was an Arab country, under control of Turkey. At the time of World War I, there were about 58,000 Jews in Palestine.

Turkey joined Germany in the war, and thus Palestine came under Allied attack. British forces captured Jerusalem in December, 1917, and the whole land was under British control by the fall of 1918. Earlier, in November, 1917, the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Balfour, had issued a statement, which said in part, "His Majesty's Government views with favor the establishment in Palestine of

a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object." The declaration further stated, however, that nothing would be done to prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities.

Mandate

In the years that followed there was much unrest among the Arabs concerning the presence of the Jews, but in 1922 the League of Nations gave a Mandate to Great Britain to govern the land, something which she already had been doing since the capture of the land in 1918. Under British control the rights of all of the peoples were recognized, and immigration was limited. However, some Jews allowed to come, and they, along with those already there, "continued to consolidate...in terms of urban, agricultural, social, cultural and industrial development."

The unrest and conflicts continued to grow, but also the immigration. In 1933, 30,000 Jews came, and by 1935 this had grown to more than 61,000. In 1937 a commission recommended the partition of the country, but the idea was rejected by both Arabs and Jews. Jewish population grew from 83,000 to 445,000 between 1922 to 1939, and Jewish land holdings greatly increased. The city of Tel Aviv which had been nothing but a sand dune in 1910, was a city of 150,000 people by 1939.

After 1939 the Zionist organization shifted its efforts from Britain to the United States. World War II with the terrible atrocities against the Jews in Germany and other parts of Eastern Europe, created great new pressures for more immigration, and in 1946 recommendations were approved in both England and the USA for admission of 100,000 more Jews to Palestine. Meanwhile, illegal immigration on an unprecedented scale also developed.

In August 1947, a United Nations Commission recommended partition of the country into Arab and Jewish states. Despite much opposition, this was adopted. The situation was such, however, that Great Britain decided to withdraw her mandate to supervise the land. She set May 15, 1948, as the date for her withdrawal.

Nation Established

Civil war broke out in the land in the spring of 1948 and Jewish groups gained control of numerous important areas, with many Arabs fleeing as refugees to other Arab countries.

On May 14, 1948, the last British commissioner left, and on the same day the Jewish National Council and the General Zionist Council declared the formation of the state of Israel. Within a few hours the new-born nation had gained the recognition of President Truman for the United States, and of the Soviet Union. David Ben-Gurion was named Prime Minister, and Chaim Weizmann was elected as President of the Provisional Council.

Immediately after the announcement of the formation of the new nation, Arab forces attacked from several directions. The new nation resisted the attack, and although she lost several important sectors, especially in the eastern part of the land, she was able to hold the western section, including a corridor to Jerusalem. The old city, however, fell into Arab hands, and Jews were forbidden to enter it. Jerusalem became a divided city, with barbed wire, and a man's land.

During the next nineteen years, the young nation had to fight twice more in armed conflict with the Arab forces, in 1956, and again in 1967, in the now famous "Six Day War." It was in that latter conflict that Israel quickly won and seized control of all of the land from the Jordan River and the Dead Sea to the Suez Canal, including Jerusalem, west Jordan, the Golan Heights and the entire Sinai Peninsula. Final settlement of this conflict has not yet come, so it is not certain at this time how much of the occupied territory Israel will continue to hold. One gets the impression, however, as he visits the nation, that she has no intention of giving up control of Jerusalem, the Golan Heights, and perhaps, some other territory.

Growth

During these twenty-five years immigration has continued at rapid pace, since no Jew ever is turned away, so that the population numbers more than 3,000,000, with more than 2,500,000 of these being Jews. Others in the population, include more than 328,000 Moslems, 75,500 Christians, and 35,900 Druses and others (1971 figures).

The nation has developed amazingly in almost every way during its 25-year history. Today farm and orchard areas cover much of the land, even though there is much more to be reclaimed from the desert and rocky hills. Cities have continued to grow and to be modernized. The largest city is Tel Aviv, but Jaffa and Haifa both are great cities. Tel Aviv was mere sand dunes in



The modern city of Tel Aviv, Israel, lies along the edge of the Mediterranean Sea, and adjoining the old city of Joppa. In the photograph, Joppa is the portion that juts out toward the sea.

1910, but today is a great modern city whose metropolitan area includes more than a million population. Haifa is the most important port, but also is a great manufacturing and commercial center. The old city of Jerusalem, within the walls has been preserved much as it was, and even seems to be largely unchanged, but great new growth is seen especially in the western sector, where splendid business areas, high rise apartments, other large housing sections and other developments abound. Government and educational structures include the Knesset (Parliament), the Hebrew University, the Museum, and others. There also is growth in smaller cities and villages, with numerous new communities developing around farming or manufacturing centers. Reforestation has covered many of the hills and mountains with trees which long had been missing.

Modern highways connect all sections of the nation, with a four-lane, limited access highway connecting Tel Aviv and Haifa, and much of the highway between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv also being four-lane. The international airport at Lod is well equipped to welcome the world's largest planes, and traffic from the world merges there daily. Splendid bus and truck service reaches all sections of the country, and railways connect major cities. There are many types of manufacture in the land, such as chemicals, textiles, mining products, food products, and including automobile and airplane engine assembly plants. One of the major exports is diamonds.

Kibbutzim

One of the most interesting developments to the outsider is the Kibbutzim. These are the communal or community type developments where people band together voluntarily for the welfare and support of all. All property is "collectively owned and work is organized on a collective basis." There are 229 of these Kibbutzim (singular, Kibbutz) in Israel, with populations ranging from 60 to 2,000. These may follow agricultural, fishing, or industrial emphasis. The necessity for this type of development is understood when one remembers that many of the immigrants came to Israel without any funds, yet not one was turned away. Through such programs they have opportunity to enter into a community relationship where support and personal sustenance can be achieved. Of course, if a person does not desire to enter into this type of community, there are other plans for becoming self-supporting such as individual farms, industrial jobs, etc. Jews of the world have given multiplied millions of dollars to enable the government of Israel and Jewish agencies to develop means of support and stable living for the immigrants who have come to the young nation.

In the field of education, primary education is six years, and post-primary six years. It is free and compulsory. Of course, many go on to universities and technical schools, and these are found in a number of cities. Israel is prepared to defend herself. Every young man and young woman must enter military service at 18, and reserve status continues through many years to follow. Despite all of the preparedness, the visitor to the country is hardly aware of it, although as he bus travels the highways he may see a number of young men in uniform hitchhiking at some major points. Evidently these young men like their "leaves" just as much as do the service men in our own land.

Arab Population

Arabs who remained in Israel when the nation was formed, and those who have returned, appear to have citizenship, with all of their rights respected. There are numerous Arab towns and communities, and they occupy large sectors of the major cities, even in the occupied territories they appear to have full freedoms, and wisely, the government has kept the borders open between the occupied West Bank territory and the nation of Jordan, so that trade and communication continues between these areas.

Jewish leaders do not deny that there still are problems to be settled between Israel and the Arab countries, but one senses the sincere hope that they soon can be settled. These problems are very deep-seated, of course, as far as the Arabs are concerned, and solution that will satisfy all parties concerned will be difficult to achieve.

The arts, the sciences, health services, etc., are given their full place in the life of this nation, for Israel is determined to make hers one of the finest nations in the world for her people. The visitor to the land who talks with leaders, mingles with the people, reads the newspapers and other publications some are in English, quickly recognizes that this young nation is strong, and that she is determined to prove her worthiness of a position in the family of nations. It is evident, too, that much of the heart of the world's Jewish population beats with the heart of this little nation.

It is a small nation, but it is very much alive, and it is looking to the future, fearlessly determined and tirelessly busy.

One who spends a little time there comes away knowing that he has seen what a people was — that their destiny is closely tied in with God's purposes.

At Southwestern Seminary

Five Kindergarteners Aid Officials In Breaking Ground For Children's Building

FORT WORTH, Tex. — "By word and example Jesus loved the little children and made provision for them," said Joe Davis Heacock, Dean of the School of Religious Education. "We have an obligation to provide the best religious education training for the more than 700 pre-school children of our students and indirectly the multiplied thousands of children across the convention," he noted in a brief statement.

With that, ground was broken last week for the Goldia and Robert Naylor Children's Building at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Participating in the brief ceremonies were Seminary President Robert Naylor, Heacock, and building contractor Herman J. Smith. Also present were Ralph M. Smith, chairman of the board of trustees and W. A. Dub Barker, chairman of the advisory council.

Adding zest to the festivities were five children from the seminary kindergarten. The children—Patrick Adams, Angie Bryant, Jerry Haines, Teresa Hamilton, and David Tatum—aided officials in breaking ground with silver shovels.

The new building will provide modern nursery facilities, day school and kindergarten programs for the estimated 700 pre-school children of seminary families.

The facility will be a learning and clinical training center for seminary students studying in the field of childhood education according to Heacock.

An anonymous gift of \$750,000 for the construction with a stipulation the new building be named in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Naylor, was announced last year. Naylor has been president of the 65-year-old institution since 1958.

The one-level, 27,000 square foot building was designed by the Fort

Worth architecture firm of Preston M. Geren and Associates. The Herman J. Smith Construction Company of Hurst, Tex., will construct the building, scheduled for occupancy during the Spring 1974 semester.

The building has been designed for flexibility and efficiency. Two rooms are planned for each age level from six months to five-year-olds. As the needs of a given age group change, sizes of rooms may be increased or decreased with the use of movable walls.

Included in the building will be a complete kitchen. Every two rooms are planned to have an adjoining rest room facility and storage space. As well, each room will provide ample counter space plus adult and child size sinks.

A special indoor court is planned for the center of the building. Designed to provide space for certain music and special activities the court will serve as a play area during inclement weather.

A spacious outdoor playground will provide a major plus for the daily program of the center. The new building's playground is to be equipped with creative play equipment and will be fenced.

Another unique feature of the facility will be its laboratory and clinical research capabilities. Planned into the building's basic design is an extensive video-tape camera system. This will enable teachers and students to video-tape for later playback, or observe live, activities in any one of the many age-group rooms. Seminary students and other interested persons will be able to observe the children via television monitors to be located in two large classrooms located at the front of the building.

In addition to teaching and learning areas, other facilities in the new

building will include a receptionist area, a director's office, a faculty lounge, an isolation room for ill children, and extensive storage space.

The new building will make possible an expanded, full-day program. "Blocks of time will be devoted to Bible teaching, planned activities, music activities, and playtime," says Professor Jeroline Baker who will supervise the use of the building.

New Californians To Sing In Jackson And In Long Beach

First Church, Long Beach, announces the appearance of the New Californians, February 18, at 8:30, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m.

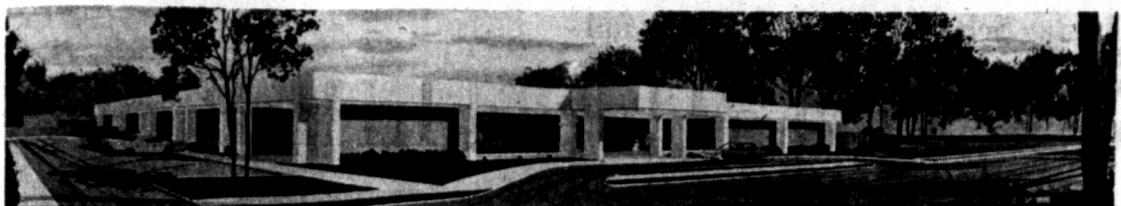
The New Californians is a singing group of college age young people selected from California and this year for the first time, from four other states. They will sing at First Church, Jackson, on Thursday, February 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Composed of 10 singers, produced by Bill Hawes, the New Californians were chosen to appear on the SBC Newcomers Show, summer replacement for the Carol Burnett Show in 1971.

The group has performed over 800 concerts, logging over 200,000 miles. In June 1973, they will present concerts in churches of West Germany, sponsored by World Evangelism Foundation.

They will present musical concerts that will appeal to all ages during the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services at Long Beach, Feb. 18. At 10:00 all children from four years old through the sixth grade are invited to enjoy their puppet presentation of the gospel.

The public is invited.



The planned Goldia and Robert Naylor Children's Building at Southwestern Seminary.



Children help officials break ground for the new \$750,000 Goldia and Robert Naylor Children's Building at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. Manning the shovels from left are Herman J. Smith, contractor, and Jerry Haines; Dub Barker, Advisory Council chairman, and Patrick Adams; Ralph M. Smith, Board of Trustees chairman, and Angie Bryant; Joe Davis Heacock, dean of the School of Religious Education, and David Tatum; and Robert Naylor, seminary president, and Teresa Hamilton. The children are members of the seminary kindergarten.



Three members of the Southwestern Seminary faculty who have worked diligently to conceive a modern and efficient facility, pioneering a new era in childhood religious education are (from left) professor Jeroline Baker, Joe Davis Heacock, dean of the School of Religious Education, and assistant professor Hazel Morris, former staff member of First Church, Jackson.

Mississippi Missionaries On Furlough

The following Mississippi missionaries are now on furlough in the States. If you would like any of them to speak at an area conference or meeting, or at some local church event, you may contact them at the addresses given here:

James A. Foster apt. 216, Plantation Manor, Clinton; Raymond L. Kolb, 1208 East Main, Clinton; W. Arthur Compere, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson; John D. Smith, 715 E. Northside Dr., Jackson; Antonina Canzoneri, 5938 Clinton Blvd., Jackson; Charles W. Whitten, 3331 Old Canton Rd., Jackson; W. Ralph Davis, 700 Grace Ave., Hattiesburg; Robert A. Hollifield, Rt. 4, Box 150B, Hattiesburg; John W. McFadden, 2407 Pearl Street, Hattiesburg; Stanley D. Stamps, 921 Jackson Avenue, Columbia; Thomas O. Barron, Box 249, Richton.

Furman Choir To Sing In State

The Furman University Concert Choir under the direction of Dr. Milburn Price will present concerts in Mississippi in early March. The public is invited and admission is free. Watch your newspapers for the hour.

Temple Baptist Church Hattiesburg, Sunday, March 4, a.m.

First Baptist Church Jackson, Sunday, March 4, p.m.

Girls In Action, Acteens Recognized

and Rev. Paul Brooks led the prayer of dedication. Reception for the girls followed the service.

First, Belzoni

On May 21, 1972, a recognition service was held for Girls in Action at First Church, Belzoni.

The girls recognized, left to right, first row, were Lila Mohammed, Sheila Switzer, Linda Templeton, Janice Gammons, Mari Wood, Anne Bunting, Melissa Turner, Susan Woo, Stephanie Gaston; second row, Anne Wood, Delinda Kilpatrick, Cindy Woo, Cheryl Homod, Joy Martin, Elizabeth Pugh, Kesley Darnell, Gaye Martin; third row, Amy Wooton, Deborah Kilpatrick, Marcie Homod, Paula McClure, Sylvia Beckham, Lisa Wolfe, and Georgette Martin. Leaders for the three groups are Mrs. Don Templeton, Mrs. Robert Lilly, Mrs. Paul Roberts, Mrs. Don Senn, Mrs. Paul Townsend, III, and Mrs. Tommy Arinder. Director of the Girls-in-Action is Mrs. A. E. Wood, Jr.

Two girls received very special recognition for completion of all adventures: Marcie Homod and Amy Wooton received a pin.

Woman's Missionary Union honored the girls with a reception.

Harmony (Tippah)

Harmony Church of Walnut (Tippah Association), crowned Doris Turbeville queen of Acteens in a special service under the direction of Mrs. Ronald Janes. The other Acteens pictured are Rhonda Jackson, Lou Ann Horton, Lesa Gunn, Wanda June Janes, Doris Turbeville, Sherry Blair and Debra Courson. Rev. Eugene Barnett is the pastor.

East Louisville

The Girls in Action organization of East Louisville Church had a recognition service in November. Nine girls were recognized and received Badge 1 and G.A. collars. (The Church WMU furnishes all materials and awards.)

Pictured: Back row (left to right): Janice Lowrey, Mylinda Webb, Susan Moore, Sandra Tabor; Middle — Melanie Cockrell; Front Row — Gwen Luke, Susie Tabor, Kim McGraw, Lori Davis.

Mrs. Charles E. (Betty) Davis, Sr. is Girls in Action leader; Mrs. Betty Charlton presented special music; Mrs. Pat Curry, WMU director, presented the GA collars;

the girls' mothers awarded their badges; Rev. Charles E. Davis, Sr. is the pastor. A reception was held.

Edon, Stringer

Edon's GA Mission Adventure Recognition was held in the home of their leader, Mrs. Edsel McCarty.

Special guests were mothers, grandmothers, friends of the girls, and five girls to be promoted to this group. Also present was Rev. Russell Cottingham, pastor of Edon, and Rev. and Mrs. Walter Johnson of Fair Ridge Church.

Tammie Hester led in prayer. Sarah Jane McCarty presented a special welcome. Rosiland Cottingham read the scripture. All girls took part in the special music. Rev. Walter Johnson gave the devotional. Regina Procell led in prayer. Each girl gave her personal testimony.

Mrs. McCarty presented the award collars and badges to the girls. The girls pictured are: Rosiland Cottingham, Sarah Jane McCarty, Regina Procell, Darlene Jones, Nan Edwards, and Tammie Hester. Dena Sims was not present. Three girls had completed all three mission adventures and received their pins. Rev. Russell Cottingham brought the charge to the girls.

Mrs. McCarty honored the girls with a reception. Yellow flowers and greenery centered the table, with white candles in silver holders on each side. Individual cakes with the letters, GA, punch, nuts, and mints were served. Ruth McCarty and Cindy Ishee served the punch.

Salem (Hinds)

Recognition was given and awards made to nine girls at Salem Church, Learned, last May. The candlelight service was under the direction of Mrs. Mary Bomar and Mrs. Janice Smith, leaders of Girls in Action and Acteens.

Girls in Action awarded collars for their achievement were, front row, left to right, Renee Smith, Marie McNair, Ann Smith, Sharon Dalhart, and Debbie Ferguson.

Four Girls in Action, Renee Smith, Ann Smith, Marie McNair and Debbie Ferguson were awarded Adventure I patches. Acteens crowned Queen were, back row, left to right, Gail Bomar, Jerry Dalhart, Rachel Williams and Linda Ferguson, Gail Bomar achieved Queen With a Scepter.

Following the service, refreshments were served by the W. M. U. ladies. Rev. Riley N. Bomar is pastor.



Greenfield, Greenville



East Louisville



Harmony (Tippah)



An "African Queen"

Mrs. William R. Tolbert Jr., Liberia's first lady, recently presented the "life beautiful" award to Martha Flanjay, an 11th grade student at Baptist-sponsored Ricks Institute near Monrovia. Judges chose Miss Flanjay from among three candidates, all Girls' Auxiliary queens, as the one who best exemplified the beautiful life of a Christian young woman. This is the first such award to be given by the Woman's Missionary Union of Liberia; Mrs. Tolbert, a Baptist, is president of the national organization. The award is a bracelet with a gold "life beautiful" charm. (Liberian Information Service photo)



God Works Through His People

Zechariah 1:1-6:4
By Clifton J. Allen

The prophecy of Zechariah was distinctly a message declaring the judgment of God on the nations and hope for the people of God reestablished in Jerusalem and renewed by God's sovereign purpose and protecting care.

Zechariah was a prophet of visions and symbols. His message, therefore, is exceedingly difficult to understand. The setting for the first eight chapters was the time of the rebuilding of the Temple, from about 520 to 515 B. C. The setting for chapters 9-14 seems to have been either earlier or later; no dates or references identify the situation exactly. But running throughout the entire book is the assurance that God's purpose for his people will be fulfilled and that God's sovereignty will prevail over all the earth.

The Lesson Explained

THE MESSAGE OF ZECHARIAH

(1:1-3)

Zechariah begins, like Haggai, by giving the date of his message, 520 B. C. The prophet authenticates his message: it was the word of the Lord. His first concern was to call the people to repentance. For emphasis, he reminded them of the perversity of their fathers, whose refusal to hear the former prophets had led to the execution of judgment, the down-

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

The Case For Sexual Purity

I Corinthians 6:12-20

By Bill Duncan

In McCall's for February 1973, there is an article entitled "Is Anyone Faithful Any More?" The opening paragraph begins: "A beautiful young girl, who has been married a year and says she is in love with her husband, tells me, 'infidelity is no big deal.' A wife in her middle 30's suggests that fidelity, like premarital chastity, is 'on the way out.' Senator Eugene McCarthy, trained in his youth by the Benedictines, is now reported by his estranged wife, Abigail, to have concluded that the concept of lifelong fidelity and shared life, come what may . . . was no longer valid."

"The man who carries on the original Kinsey work at the Institute for sexual research, Dr. Paul H. Gebhard, says that in the 20 odd years since the Kinsey figures were completed showing that half of the married men and a quarter of the married women had had at least one extramarital affair by the age of 50, there has been a small but steady increase in infidelity."

Some people are saying that the values of lifetime pairing and the Christian view of marriage and sex are doomed. A professor of religion and ethics observed that the American male is threatened by age and the rules have become fragile so he feels free to do as he wishes. Traditionally, the unfaithful woman is still the more gossiped about; the double standard is dying, to be sure, but it will die hard.

Sex is portrayed in our day as the element that provides everything that is meaningful for life in the 70's. But there is nothing basically new about this preoccupation with sex. It has only changed in form from the time of the New Testament.

On the other hand, much damage has been done by parents who taught that sex is not nice. Christianity understands sex as God's gift to man for his fulfillment as a person. Paul approached sex as sacred.

In the city of Corinth with its Greek culture, sex was exploited for immoral pleasures. The main temple at Corinth was Aphrodite — goddess of love. There prostitutes were priestesses and acts of immorality were part of the worship. Thus the Christian idea of sex being sacred for marriage was contrary to the common idea of Paul's day.

fall of Jerusalem, and the captivity in Babylon. A remnant of the exiles had returned to Jerusalem. But their first concerns, as we learn from Haggai, had been largely self-centered. Zechariah therefore urged upon them the word of the Lord, "Turn ye unto me, . . . and I will return unto you." On the basis of this initial call to repentance, Zechariah's message unfolds in a series of visions which express the concern of God for the welfare of his people, his concern for and promises to the two leaders of the community, Joshua and Zerubbabel, and his concern that both Jerusalem and the people should reflect the true righteousness and spiritual devotion becoming to them as the covenant people and as the recipients of God's mercy and blessing.

VISION OF THE LAMPSTAND

(4:1-5)

Zechariah saw a lampstand of gold with a bowl on top of it, obviously full of oil, also seven lamps, each one with seven lips (likely the meaning instead of seven pipes). He saw also two olive trees, one on either side of the bowl. An angel or messenger of the Lord engaged Zechariah in dialogue about the meaning of the vision. Competent Bible students are not agreed as to the interpretation of the lampstand and the bowl and the lamps and the olive trees. Perhaps the meaning is that the restored community, God's people, were to give light, like the lampstand, and were to be supplied with oil through divine grace. It may be that the two olive

trees point to the two channels which God would use — Joshua and Zerubbabel — to lead the people in the fulfillment of their mission. We may conclude that the vision emphasized God's presence with his people, God's purpose to equip his people for their mission, and God's assurance that he was both aware of their situation and the situation of all the peoples of the earth.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ZERUBBABEL (4:6-10a)

God wanted to assure Zerubbabel that he would have power and wisdom for his post. In this passage Zechariah declares God's message directly to Zerubbabel. Perhaps the debris of the destroyed Temple was like a great mountain before Zerubbabel. But God assured him that it would be like plain, that is, the rubbish and debris would be removed and the new Temple erected. Zerubbabel would see the completion as he would bring forward the top stone while the people shouted, "Grace, grace," in their joy and encouragement. The basis of the encouragement was that Zerubbabel would be equipped by the Spirit. Further encouragement was given to Zerubbabel in saying that what his hands had begun, they would finish. The foundation had been laid; he could be certain that the building would come to completion. And the completion of the Temple would be a confirmation that God had chosen Zerubbabel for his mission.

Truths to Live By
The tasks given by God call for

more than human power. — The age of science has brought such wonders that we have all been contaminated by the spirit of humanistic pride. Even so, human ingenuity and skill are not enough to accomplish the tasks which God calls his people to perform.

It takes power which God alone can give to enable Christians to win lost people to faith in Jesus Christ. It takes power which God alone can give to build church into a fellowship of humble worshippers and committed servants as the body of Christ. There are countless other ways in which we must depend on the help of the Spirit of God to do his work in the world: to overcome hostility and prejudice; to produce and distribute food to earth's hungry and starving millions; and to make freedom and opportunity a guaranteed heritage for all peoples in the world. We need to look up to God for his help; we need to wait to be equipped with the power of his Spirit; and that will be enough.

Small things may be prophetic of significance and potential in the purpose of God. — We ought not to be discouraged by small beginnings, that is, of anything good and right. The International Red Cross had its origin in the concern and compassion of Jean Henri Durvant, a Swiss at age thirty-one, who described the terrible suffering of the wounded in time of war and encouraged relief societies to minister to them. The modern movement of Christian world missions began in the heart and mind of William Carey and his pleading with fellow Baptists in England to expect great things for God and undertake great things from God. The contribution of modern anesthetics in the field of surgery and to the welfare of humanity is the result of small beginning, generally credited to Crawford W. Long in 1842. But greatest of all, let us remember how small and seemingly insignificant the beginning: Jesus was born in Bethlehem and was laid in a manger. But the small beginning of his earthly mission will find its culmination in the victory of the kingdom of God and in the multitude of the redeemed whom no man can number, the fruitage of the saving work of Jesus Christ in the earth. This should give us inspiration and challenge with respect to every humble task and Christian duty and every personal undertaking in terms of doing the will of God.

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Ministers Invited To Seminar For Pastoral Care Of Ill

Ministers of different faiths will participate in the 13th annual seminar, at Baptist Hospital of pastoral care of the ill, set for February 20, in Jackson. The seminar will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

The seminar is sponsored by the hospital and by the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Dr. Clark Hensley, executive director, and is directed by Rev. Gordon Shambarger, hospital chaplain.

The place of the church will be described by Dr. Dudley Wilson, pastor of Northminster Church, Jackson.

The role of the hospital itself, insofar as pastoral care is concerned, will be the subject assigned to Dr. Don Corley, director of pastoral care, Baptist Medical Center, Little Rock, Ark.

The physician's viewpoint will be expressed by Dr. Robert P. Henderson, immediate past chief of the medical staff of Baptist Hospital.

New Candy Stripers "Learn The Ropes"

A new group of Candy Stripers will "learn the ropes" February 17 regarding their duties as volunteer workers at Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Katherine Feldman, director of volunteer activities at the hospital, said approximately 20 teen-agers will be in the incoming group.

"Some of them," she said, "will begin their duties at the hospital right away, while others will not start until the summer, after school is out."

Mrs. Feldman said that the Candy Stripers at the hospital, which now stands at about 70 in number.

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Devotional

Reverence For Life

By Billy McKay, Pastor, Madison

Scripture reference: Exodus 20:13; I John 3:15

The sixth commandment says, "Thou shalt not kill." This commandment demands a reverence for life. The phrase "reverence for life" was made famous by the late Dr. Albert Schweitzer. It characterized his whole life. However, he went to the extreme as he shooed flies rather than swatting them! Consider:

I. The Irreverence for Life, by Man. Since Cain and Abel, man has continued to violate the principle of the sixth commandment: reverence for life. The world spends more money to destroy life than to preserve life. Over 50,000 are killed each year in auto accidents; 80% of these are violating the law when killed. Man violates the principle of reverence for life anytime he does not respect his own life or the life of others.

II. The Sacredness of Life to God. The Hebrew word "kill" should be translated "murder." According to Genesis 9:6, God has endowed human government to take measures of discipline to those who commit murder. An illustration of this is found in Numbers 35:32-34. Romans 13 tells of the responsibility of government in this area. Thus, we see something of the letter of this law. Now concerning the spirit of the sixth commandment: I John 3:15 says that hate is a violation of this command. We might say that "life" is any contact we have with environment...especially contact with people. Thus, it is wrong to define life only in terms of the physical. Any time we cut off fellowship with others by ignoring, shunning, scorning, or ostracizing them, we violate this command. How often the killer instinct is awakened in us! Today's wars and race riots reveal that man is a murderer at heart.

Conclusion: What is the root of this problem? It is that man is unable to get along with God! But we shall never get along as brothers until we acknowledge God as Father, and we will not acknowledge God as Father until we acknowledge Christ as brother by faith. I John 4:11 is a key to the keeping of this commandment: "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." This is where "reverence for life" really begins.



New Publication

The Division of Science and Mathematics at Mississippi College now has access to a new publication, thanks to a \$2,500 grant from the Exxon Education Foundation. A small portion of the grant is being used to subscribe to "Current Contents," a publication giving the table of contents of all major journals released world-wide in the area of life sciences. Looking over the latest issues are Dr. Jerry Cannon (left), assistant professor of chemistry, and Dr. Prentiss Cox, associate professor of biological science. (M. C. Photo by Norman H. Gough).

Course Offered In Personal Motivation

William Carey College is offering an extension course in personal motivation during the Spring semester in the Taylorsville High School. According to Dr. J. M. Ernest, Carey's academic vice-president, the college-level course carries three semester hours' credit and is being offered to all Taylorsville area residents on Tuesday afternoons from 3 until 6 p.m.

Dr. W. E. Greene of Louin is the instructor for the course which deals with mental approaches to success. The course is numbered No. 490 and is Psychology of Motivation.

"Our studies will deal with the study of how the mind controls such things as tensions, habits, personality, memory, attitudes and how the mind may be disciplined to lead a person to personal success in these areas," commented Dr. Greene.

All interested persons are urged to contact either Dr. Greene at Box 2, Jasper County Baptist Association, in



Pictured above (right to left) are Dr. Jack Lyall, Chairman of the Fine Arts Division, Mississippi College; Professor Glenn Triplett and Professor Tommy Spigner, as they discuss plans for the forthcoming annual Baptist Youth Choral-Instrumental Retreat to be held on the Mississippi College campus April 6-8. Youth choir members and instrumentalists from over the state will meet for intensive rehearsals Friday evening and Saturday, sing in a local church Sunday morning and present a program of choral and instrumental music at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon, April 8. Parents and friends are invited. Admission is free. (M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)

Youth Choral And Instrumental Retreat To Be At Mississippi College April 6, 7, 8

The Youth Choral and Instrumental Retreat will be held at Mississippi College April 6-8. This retreat is sponsored by the Church Music Department of the Miss. Baptist Convention Board, for superior singers and instrumentalists from Baptist churches throughout the state.

To be eligible, the applicants must be entering the 10th grade in September, 1973, in the 11th grade, or in the 12th grade.

Each Baptist church will be eligible to end a maximum of six choral participants with a recommended ratio of one boy for each two girls sent. Information and applications will be sent to Ministers of Music. Recommended instrumentalists will be auditioned when applications are returned. The applications must be returned to Dan C. Hall, director, Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205. A fee of \$15 will be charged each participant. This fee will cover room and board, package performance music, and registration fee.

Tommy Spigner, assistant professor of church music, will serve as choral director and Glenn Triplett, assistant professor of instrumental music, will conduct the instrumental group.

The general program calls for intensive rehearsals on Friday evening,

Louin, or to attend the next meeting of the class at the Taylorsville High School.

April 6, and rehearsals interspersed throughout Saturday. There will be a performance at a Jackson church Sunday morning, April 8. The formal concert will be presented in Nelson Auditorium, Mississippi College campus, on Sunday afternoon, April 8, 2 p.m.

Special entertainment, a Talent Show, and opportunities for auditions for scholarships will be a part of the activities scheduled.

Arizona Baptist Paper Names Pair New Editor

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP) — C. L. Pair, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kingman, Ariz., for the past five years, has been elected editor of the Baptist Beacon, weekly newspaper published by the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

Pair succeeds Irving Childress, who had joint responsibilities as editor of the paper and director of evangelism for the convention. Childress will devote full time to evangelism with the addition of Pair to the convention staff.

A native of Texas, Pair was pastor of Columbia Street Baptist Church, Tucson, before going to the Kingman church in 1967. Previously, he was pastor of several churches in east Texas, and was a public school teacher in Monroe, La. He attended East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex.

Revival Dates

First Church, Greenville: "5 Exciting Days," February 21 - 25, led by Rev. Ed Young of Columbia, S.C., and Cliff Barrows of the Billy Graham team; services 7:30 each night will feature such outstanding individuals as former all-pro football star Jerry Stovall, television's Tom Lester — "Eb" on the Green Acres series, Martha Branham, nationally known soloist, former New York Yankee star Bobby Richardson, and Dr. and Mrs. John McNair, outstanding vocalists from Brandon, Mississippi, along with the First Baptist Puppets; G. Barry Landrum, pastor.

Ruleville Church: "Family Enrichment Revival"; Feb. 18 - 21; led by Dr. Clark Hensley, Jackson, director, Christian Action Commission; Sunday will begin with a men's breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and include a session with youth during Sunday School, and adults during Church Training, regular services during worship times Sunday, and a youth session at fellowship time; Monday - Wednesday services at 6:30 p.m. with a joint service, and group sessions at 7:15; Dr. Hensley will be with the youth; children will view films; Rev. R. G. Gordon, pastor.

First, Belzoni: February 25-March 2; services on Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services at 7 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.; Rev. Ed Bryon of Clinton, evangelist; John Burke, charge of music; Rev. Jasper P. Neel, pastor.



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PAUL MONTGOMERY (r), new director of development for the Georgia Baptist Foundation, looks over investment portfolios with Charles C. Duncan, Georgia's foundation executive secretary for two years.

Mississippi Joins Georgia Foundation

Paul Montgomery, minister of education and youth at Stone Mountain First church, Atlanta, Ga., has been named director of development for the Georgia Baptist Foundation.

He was elected to assist Charles C. Duncan, executive secretary of the foundation.

Mr. Montgomery is a Mississippian. He has a bachelor's degree in geology from Louisiana State University, a doctor of jurisprudence degree from University of Mississippi and a master of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary.

He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy and practiced law for five years before entering vocational Christian service.

Mrs. Montgomery is the former Joan Martin of St. Francisville, La. She is a registered nurse, a graduate of Natchez General Hospital Nursing School. They have three children.

Junior high school students in Jacksonville, Fla., have received copies of the vest pocket edition of "Good News for Modern Man," the American Bible Society's New Testament in Today's English Version. Arrangements for the distribution were made by the Rev. Dr. Orville Nelson and his assistant at the Elizabeth Swain Memorial United Methodist Church in that Florida city, and the Society.

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William W. Caten was ordained to the gospel ministry on January 14 by the Harrisville Church of Simpson County. Mr. Caten is pastor of Hopewell Church. Before going to Hopewell he was minister of youth at Harrisville. Rev. J. A. McCain is pastor at Harrisville.



Dr. Jack Lyall directed the MC "Naturals" in a program of music presented for Ladies' Day at the Lebanon Ministers' Association, meeting on February 2 at Main Street Church, Hattiesburg.

Greg Bozeman recently accepted a call from Oral Church, Sumrall, as minister of music and youth. From New Smyrna, Florida, he has served as counselor and activities director at Harmony Bay Music Camp and R. A. Camp at Lake

Yale for the past three summers. He is presently a junior at the University of Southern Mississippi. Rev. Eugene Gullett is pastor of Oral Church.

On Thursday, February 15, at 8:00 p.m. in Garrett Auditorium of Blue Mountain College, the Department of Speech and Drama will present Rita Jones of Walnut and Kathy Irwin of Corinth, in their senior speech recital. The performers will present Mark Twain's "THE APPEAL TREE." The public is invited to attend the recital and the reception which follows immediately.

Ruford Redwine of Bellefontaine was recently licensed to preach by Fellowship Church, Bellefontaine. He is a native of Calhoun County; his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Era R. Redwine of State Springs. He is married to the former Judy Ensley of Bruce, and they have one daughter, Sylvia, 4½. Mr. Redwine is available for supply pastoral work or revivals. His pastor, Rev. Jimmy McHann, recommends him.

The Locust Street Church of McComb licensed Ricky Johnson to the gospel ministry on January 10, Ricky, pictured, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston of McComb, is a graduate of McComb High School and is presently attending Southwest Mississippi Junior College of Summit. Rev. Lester L. Hill, pastor of Locust Street Church, recommends Ricky to any church needing a supply pulpit.

Miss Betty Jane Hunt, missionary to Korea, was scheduled to arrive Jan. 20 for a short furlough in the States (address: Wylam Baptist Church, Box 7026 Birmingham, Ala. 35224). A native of Tarrant, Ala., Miss Hunt was formerly on the staff of First Church, Grenada.

William Carey College music major, Linda Cassady of Milton, Florida, was presented in her senior voice recital on Friday evening, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m. The recital took place in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium. Linda is a candidate for the bachelor of music degree in music education to be awarded at regular graduation ceremonies in May. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Cassady, Sr.

The Luther Rice Seminary announces that Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, Sr. will head its Church Administration Department. The first course is being offered in the Spring Semester of '73. Dr. Lindsay has recently retired after more than 32 years of service as pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla. His son, Homer Jr., succeeded him as pastor of that church.

William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will participate in the first Conference on Music for South and Central America in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from Feb. 16 to 24, 1973. Music missionaries from missions in Central and South America will meet to exchange ideas and compositions and to work generally toward a consensus regarding a philosophy of music in missions.

Outstanding Young People Are Program Personalities For Missions Conference

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Two outstanding young mission volunteers, now students at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be featured speakers on the program of the seminary's 17th annual Student Missions Conference, February 23-25. Doug Van Devender returned last year from Vietnam where he served for two years as a "Journeyman" missionary and Robin Rogers came to the seminary after service as a "US-2" missionary in Long Island, N.Y.

Van Devender, a native of Texas and graduate of Mississippi College, was stationed in Danang, where he did general evangelism work. He was involved in such projects as youth work for the local Baptist church, teaching English to the young Vietnamese, and assisting some medical teams in the refugee camps.

Rogers, a Californian, is a graduate of Baylor University. He aided local churches in New York with social ministries, particularly working with the alcohol and drug problems. He has been actively involved in a number of special ministries in Louisville while a student at the seminary.

Another young participant on the conference program will be Gene Cotton, one of folk music's exciting new

Names In The News

Alan R. Fuller, associate professor of music at Mississippi College, currently on leave of absence for doctoral studies at

Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, has found he can be a student and teach, too. Considered one of the top violin teachers in this region of the country, Fuller entered LSU for the purpose of spending full-time on his work on the terminal degree. Being just a student didn't last long, however. Dr. Everett Timm, dean of the School of Music at LSU, said that one of Fuller's teachers, Dr. Dinos Constantine, went on sabbatical leave and someone had to be secured to fill his position for the current semester.

"I could find people who could do the composition and elementary violin work," said Dr. Timm, "but Mr. Fuller stood out at the top of those who could both perform and teach advanced violin." Fuller got the job! "We have given him the rank of special lecturer in violin," stated the LSU music chairman, "which permits him to take graduate work in addition to doing the violin teaching."

Hattiesburg senior at William Carey College, Vicki Lorimer, has been elected by her fellow students as HOMECOMING QUEEN for the 1973 Homecoming festivities to take place Saturday, February 17. The Student Government Association held the elections. Vicki is a member of Temple Church, Hattiesburg. Six maids have been chosen to serve in Vicki's court. They are: Beverly Willson of Baton Rouge, senior maid of honor; Susan Langston, senior maid from Jackson; Helen Driskell, junior maid from Mobile; Kathy Smitt, sophomore maid from Jackson; Jeanmarie Nutt, freshman maid from Jackson; and Patricia McCleod, basketball maid from Leakesville. The crowning festivities will take place at 6:30 February 17.

Standerfer Joins Stewardship Agency NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Ernest D. Standerfer has joined the staff of the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention as the new Assistant Director of Stewardship Development, effective Jan. 1, the commission announced.

Standerfer will serve as editor of stewardship materials. He will also serve as coordinator for the channeling of articles and curriculum in convention publications relating to Stewardship. The commission assigned program emphases, said E. Stanley Williamson, director of stewardship development.



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Mississippi Baptist Hospital

Jackson, Miss.

February 20 — 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

GILFOY AUDITORIUM

(Pastors of all faiths are invited to participate. The small registration fee of \$2.50 includes the luncheon cost.)

THEME: Dialogue in Healing or Who Does the Healing?

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Mrs. Kathryn Feldman, Hostess, Miss. Baptist Hospital
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